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FOLLOWING IS FULL VERBATIM TRANSCRIPTION OF STATEMENT GIVEN
BY FADL IDRIS, SUDANI DELEGATE TO THE IGG ON LEAST DEVELOPED
DURING THE EARLY MORNING HOURS JULY 19:
BEGIN TEXT: MR. IDRIS - SUDAN
I THOUGHT I HAD EXPRESSED TO THE CHAIR THAT THE GROUP OF 77 WOULD
LIKE TO SPEAK LAST, BEFORE THE PRESIDENT. BUT AS LONG AS THERE ARE
NO OTHER SPEAKERS BEFORE YOU I WILL TAKE THE FLOOR NOW TO SPEAK ON BE
HALF
OF THE GROUP OF 77.

IN THE FIRST PLACE, MR. CHAIRMAN -----

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THE CHAIRMAN (SPANISH)

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MR. IDRIS - SUDAN
MY WISH WAS THAT IF NO OTHER DELEGATES WOULD LIKE TO TAKE THE FLOOR BEFORE YOU, BECAUSE THE USUAL PRACTICE IS THAT THE PRESIDENT WOULD BE THE LAST SPEAKER. IF THERE IS ANY OTHER DELEGATE WHO WISHES TO TAKE THE FLOOR OF COURSE HE IS MOST WELCOME. REPRESENTING THE GROUP OF 77 I WOULD LIKE TO HAVE THE LAST CHANCE TO SPEAK BEFORE YOU MAKE YOUR FINAL CONCLUSIONS OF THE MEETING.

MR. IDRIS - SUDAN
FIRST ALLOW ME, SIR, ON BEHALF OF THE GROUP OF 77, TO EXTEND OUR SINCERE THANKS AND GRATEFULNESS TO YOURSELF FOR THE GUIDANCE YOU HAVE GIVEN TO OUR MEETING AND, AS THE DISTINGUISHED DELEGATE OF HAITI HAS SAID, FOR BEING THE GODFATHER OF THE BABY OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES - THE NEW BABY - THE INTERGOVERNMENTAL GROUP. ONE FINDS IT VERY DIFFICULT TO EXPRESS HIMSELF TO THE EXTENT TO WHICH THE GROUP OF 77 WANTED TO THANK YOU PERSONALLY FOR YOUR FAIRNESS, YOUR HARD WORK, YOUR GOOD GUIDANCE, AND THE INSPIRATION YOU GAVE TO THE GROUP, AND THE GOOD MANNER IN WHICH YOU CONDUCTED THE WHOLE DELIBERATIONS OF THE GROUP INSIDE OFFICIAL MEETINGS AND OUTSIDE OF OFFICIAL MEETINGS. WE WOULD ALSO LIKE TO THANK THROUGH YOU THE OFFICERS OF YOUR BUREAU AND THE RAPPORTEUR WHO HAS DONE THE BEST TO MAKE THE WORK AN EASY ONE TO ALL OF US. ESPECIALLY, THE GROUP OF 77 WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND THEIR THANKS TO MR. GAMANI COREA, THE SECRETARY-GENERAL OF UNCTAD, AND TO THE SECRETARIAT, AND PERSONALLY TO MR. STONE AND ALL OF HIS STAFF BECAUSE THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED ALOT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS THEY HAD, THEY HAVE CONTRIBUTED ALOT TO MAKE THE WORK AND THE MEETINGS A THOROUGH SUCCESS.

THE GROUP OF 77, MR. CHAIRMAN, ALSO WELCOMES THE NEW MEMBER STATES WHO HAVE BEEN ADDED TO THE CATEGORY OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, NAMELY, BANGLADESH, CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC, GAMBIA, AND THE PEOPLE'S DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF YEMEN. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT THE SITUATION THAT LED TO THESE SISTER COUNTRIES TO BE TERMED AS LEAST DEVELOPED WILL BE REMOVED SOON, AND THAT THEY WOULD LEAD THE WAY TO THE OTHER LEAST DEVELOPED TO EMBARK ON DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS AND BETTER STANDARDS OF LIVING TO THEIR PEOPLES.

HOWEVER, MR. CHAIRMAN, WE AS A GROUP FELT THAT THE WORK OF THE IGG WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER SUCCESS IF THE TIMING WAS THE RIGHT ONE
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BECAUSE AT SUCH A BUSY TIME IN GENEVA WITH ALL THE MEETINGS AND CONFERENCES, ALL OF US FELT THAT THE TIMING OF THE MEETING WOULD HAVE BEEN A BETTER ONE IF IT HAD NOT TAKEN PLACE AT THIS TIME. AGAIN, WE FELT THAT THE SERVICES, AS FAR AS THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY WAS CONCERNED WERE A BIT LIMITED, AND THEY SHOULD HAVE BEEN MORE ABUNDANT AND MORE AVAILABLE FOR SUCH A BIG VOLUME OF WORK. THIS DOES NOT HIDE THE FACT THAT THE QUALITY AND QUANTITY OF THE SERVICES OF THE SECRETARIAT WERE EXCELLENT AND GRADE ONE. AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT,

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THE DURATION OF THE MEETING OF IGG WAS NOT ENOUGH FOR SUCH AN
ENORMOUS TASK TO BE CONDUCTED AND FULFILLED IN ELEVEN DAYS, THIS
WAS NOT CORRECT AND WAS NOT ENOUGH, AND THIS WAS MANIFESTED BY MANY
OTHER GROUPS NOT ONLY THE 77 WHO FELT THAT THE TIME OF THE DURATION
WAS NOT ENOUGH AND THEY WERE ALWAYS SAYING TO US TIME WAS NOT
ENOUGH AND WE HAVE TO HURRY.

TAKING INTO CONSIDERATION THE MAGNITUDE AND THE SEVERITY AND
ACUTENESS OF PROBLEMS IN THE LEAST DEVELOPED HARD-CORE COUNTRIES,
AS WE CALL THEM, WE THOUGHT THAT THE DURATION COULD HAVE BEEN EXTENDE
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MORE, NOT TO ALLOW US A FREE HOLIDAY IN GENEVA, BUT TO ACCOMMODATE
FOR AN EXCELLENT AND EFFECTIVE WORK TO BE DONE FOR
THE LEAST DEVELOPED - FOR BEING THE LEAST THEY SHOULD COME THE FIRST,
MR. PRESIDENT.

NOW WHEN WE COME TO THE ACHIEVEMENT - WHAT HAS THE IGG ACHIEVED?
THERE ARE MANY ARGUMENTS TO BE PUT FORWARD HERE, MR. PRESIDENT,
BECAUSE, IN THE FIRST PLACE, THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE
LAST 11 YEARS HAS BEEN SAYING A LOT ABOUT THE RECOGNITION, THEIR
RECOGNITION TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED. EVERYBODY WAS
SAYING THAT THE SITUATIONS ARE VERY SEVERE, VERY ACUTE, AND THAT
THEY REQUIRE A SORT OF SPECIAL SPECIFIC MEASURE TO BRING THEM
TO THE PROPER STATUS OF HUMAN BEINGS, BUT THIS RECOGNITION SEEMS
TO US TO BE ONLY ON PAPER - ONLY WHEN WE TALK ABOUT IT. BUT WHEN WE
COME TO ACTUAL ACTION, WE FIND THAT WHAT WAS SAID WAS ONLY GOOD WORDS
OF SYMPATHY. IT MUST BE MADE CLEAR, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES DO NOT NEED SYMPATHY, WHAT THEY NEED IS PROPER
TRANSFER OF RESOURCES FROM THOSE WHO HAVE THEM TO WHOSE WHO
DO NOT HAVE AT ALL. WHAT THEY NEED IS NOT ONLY THEIR RECOGNITION,
BUT ALSO THEIR EFFECTIVE WORK AND THE EFFECTIVE WORK AND THE
EFFECTIVE IMPLEMENTATION OF THE GOODWILL SO MUCH SPOKEN ABOUT.
AGAIN, MR. PRESIDENT, WE MUST REMIND THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY
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THAT THE ATTITUDE - THE TRADITIONAL ATTITUDE WHICH DOMINATES UNCTAD
MEETINGS IN THE SENSE THAT WE THE LEAST DEVELOPED, OR THE DEVELOP-
ING, OR THE THIRD WORLD COUNTRIES COME TO THESE MEETINGS TO BE
DICTATED UPON. SOME COUNTRIES AND SOME REGIONS, ESPECIALLY IN
THE REGIONS OF GROUP B AND GROUP D, THINK THAT THEY CAN COME TO THESE
MEETINGS TO DICTATE UPON US WHAT THEY WANT TO DO FOR US OR THEY
WANT TO GIVE US AS A CHARITY. WE DO NOT WANT THEIR CHARITY. WE ARE
ASKING AND WE ARE DEMANDING FOR OUR FULL RIGHTS AS MEMBERS OF THE
WORLD COMMUNITY TO BE GIVEN TO US. WE ARE NOT ASKING ANYBODY TO BE
CHARITABLE TO US, WE ARE NOT BEGGING ANYBODY. IF ANYBODY HAS
EVER HAD THIS ILLUSION HE MUST CORRECT IT IN HIS MIND BEFORE COMING
TO SUCH MEETINGS.
SOME MEMBERS OF GROUP B AND GROUP D HAVE ALREADY SPOKEN OF THEIR
GOODWILL, OF THEIR CO-OPERATION, OF THEIR UNDERSTANDING OF THE
SITUATIONS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED AND THE THIRD WORLD, BUT

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THEY HAVE NEVER DEMONSTRATED THEIR UNDERSTANDING. THEY THINK THEY
ARE SUPER POWERS WHO CAN COME HERE TO INFLICT UPON US MORE AND
MORE PROBLEMS, LET ALONE THE PROBLEMS WE HAVE IN OUR COUNTRIES.
IT IS MY OWN INTERPRETATION, MR. PRESIDENT, THAT THE GOVERNMENTS OF
THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES WHO CAN FEED THE PEOPLE AND EDUCATE
THEM, AND KEEP THEM SECURE FROM THE SEVERITY OF CONDITIONS WHICH
PREVAIL IN THESE COUNTRIES, SUCH GOVERNMENTS, IF THEY EXIST FOR ONE
YEAR, THEY DESERVE NOBEL PRIZES BECAUSE THE CONDITIONS WHICH THEY MEET

WITH AND THE TASK WHICH ARE BEFORE THEM TO KEEP A HUMAN BEING IN
SHELTER AND TO GIVE HIM THE MINIMUM OF EVERYTHING - EDUCATION ADP000
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WHEN WE COME TO THESE CONFERENCES, MR. PRESIDENT, WE COME HERE
WITH A CLEAR UNDERSTANDING THAT WE ARE MEMBERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY WHO HAVE PROBLEMS AND WHO COME HERE TO DISCUSS THEM AND
DEBATE THEM IN THE BEST MANNER, AND TO RECEIVE THE EFFECTIVE ACTION
OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TOWARDS THE SOLUTION OF THESE PROBLEMS
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BUT NOW, AFTER 11 YEARS OF WAITING IN PATIENCE, THE INTERNATIONAL
COMMUNITY HAS NOT DONE THE MINIMUM THAT IS REQUIRED FOR THE LEAST
DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. IT MUST BE UNDERSTOOD THAT WE HAVE A FULL LEGAL
RIGHT AND ENTITLEMENT UPON THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY TO ASSIST THE
LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND TO FOSTER THEIR DEVELOPMENT.
AND BEFORE BRIDGING THE GAP BETWEEN THE EARTH AND THE
OTHER PLANETS ABOVE US, SOME OF THESE DEVELOPED COUNTRIES MUST
FIRST AND FOREMOST TRY TO BRIDGE THE GAP THAT EXISTS - THE GAP
THAT IS EVER WIDENING BETWEEN THE PEOPLES OF THE EARTH, THEY MUST TAK
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THE FASTEST MEASURES TO TRANSFORM THE RICH RESOURCES THEY HAVE AND

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TO EXPLOIT THESE RICH RESOURCES AND TO UTILIZE THEM IN THE BEST MANNE
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AND TO REALIZE THESE GOALS FIRST AND FOREMOST.

FURTHER, MR. PRESIDENT, AFTER ALL THESE 11 YEARS, AND LONG HOURS OF SITTINGS AND DISCUSSIONS DURING WHICH THE GROUP OF 77 WORKED VERY HARD AND PRESENTED VERY CONCISE DRAFT RESOLUTIONS PERTAINING TO THE MEASURES TO BE TAKEN TO RESOLVE THE PROBLEMS AND THE QUESTIONS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WE HAVE BEEN MET WITH ALL THE PRESSURES, ALL THE SUPPRESSIONS AND ALL THE SABOTAGE WHICH HAS BEEN THE TRADITIONAL WAY OF THINKING AND WAY OF PERFORMANCE FOR SOME MEMBERS IN GROUP B AND SOME MEMBERS IN GROUP D.
BUT WE STILL REMAIN HOPEFUL THAT THE NEXT, AND ANY OTHER FUTURE MEETINGS OF THIS ORGAN, OR ANY OTHER ORGAN OF THE UNITED NATIONS WHICH WILL TAKE THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED INTO CONSIDERATIO
N,
WE HOPE, WE SINCERELY HOPE, AND WE GIVE A LAST CHANCE FOR THE SO-CALLED DEVELOPED COUNTRIES, WHETHER THEY BE IN GROUP B OR IN GROUP D, TO GIVE MORE ATTENTION, TO ATTACH MORE IMPORTANCE TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES AND THE DEVELOPING WORLD AS A WHOLE. WE SINCERELY HOPE THAT EVEN THE LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION IN SUCH MEETINGS WILL BE TO THE STANDARD THAT WOULD CONTRIBUTE TO THE RESOLVING OF SUCH PROBLEMS BECAUSE IT SEEMS THAT WHEN WE COME TO THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED THE EXPERTS ARE NOT TO BE AVAILABLE - MAYBE THEY WERE ENGAGED IN SOME SPACE RENDEZ-VOUS.

HOWEVER, MR. PRESIDENT, WE MUST EXPRESS OUR SINCERE THANKFULNESS TO THE GROUP OF THE PEOPLE'S REPUBLIC OF CHINA FOR THEIR CLEAR AND SINCERE HELP AND SINCERE ATTITUDE AND GOOD RECOGNITION OF THE PROBLEMS OF THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES. WHAT WE NEED IS SUCH SUPPORT,
AND WHAT WE HOPE FOR IS THAT A BETTER UNDERSTANDING WOULD BE TRANSMITTED IN THE FUTURE WORKS OF THIS ORGAN AND OTHER ORGANS OF UNCTAD, AND OTHER ORGANS OF THE INTERNATIONAL COMMUNITY FOR THE LEAST DEVELOPED COUNTRIES.

PERSONALLY, WE WOULD LIKE TO EXTEND OUR THANKFULNESS TO EVERYBODY WHO CONTRIBUTED AND PARTICIPATED IN THIS MEETING. WE KNOW THAT WITHIN THE LIMITATIONS THEY HAD, THEY HAVE DONE THEIR BEST. IF WE HAVE LOST THE SUCCESS WHICH WE ARE LOOKING FOR IN MEASURES, WE ARE ALSO HAPPY THAT WE MADE THE FRIENDSHIP WITH THE PERSONS REPRESENTING THE DIFFERENT DELEGATIONS.

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FINALLY, MR. CHAIRMAN, ALLOW ME ONCE MORE TO THANK YOU AND THE

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DISTINGUISHED DELEGATES FOR THE TIME AND THE PATIENCE AND
THE SPIRIT WHICH PREVAILED IN OUR MEETING. END TEXTDALE

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